

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs of the specification as follows:

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Referring now to Fig. 2, the switch assembly 29 also includes a switching mechanism provided by a base 50 and a rotor 60. The rotor 60 has a stem 66 which acts as a spring supporting member 66 (Figs. 2 and 3) extending towards a bottom end and separated from an interior wall of the base 50 by an annular space (Fig. 6). A coiled compression spring 70 (Figs. 2 and 6) is captured in the annular space formed between the rotor 60 and the base 50 as seen in Fig. 6 and has a lower end that seats against mechanism 80 and an upper end that is pressed on by the rotor 60. The rotor 60 may slide axially inward within the base 50, providing a force is applied to compress the spring 70. When the axial force is released and assuming that notch 65 is aligned with stop 53 (Fig. 4), the spring provides a force to return the rotor to its "off" position seen in Fig. 4.

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Fig. 7 shows a view of a rotary switch assembly of the present invention with a modification to the rotary switch handle 90. This handle 90 has a central portion 91 with an aperture 92 of square cross section like handle 30 to receive shaft 22. However, extending from opposite sides of central portion 91 along a longitudinal axis are two upright wings 93 and 94 with curved ends facing in opposite directions to receive a thumb and forefingers of one hand. The wings 93, 94 function when the handle 90 is being rotated in either direction, with the thumb and forefingers being reversed relative to the two respective wings 93, 94 to rotate the handle in the opposite direction. A holed tab 96 is integrated with a finger rest 95 below wing 94. This tab 96 is aligned with tab 57 on the rotor 50, when the rotor 50 is in the "off" position, which allows a shackle 71 of a lock to be placed through the tabs 57, 96 (see Fig. 4) to lock them together and prevent operation of the switch assembly 90, 50. From this is apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that a holed lockout tab could also be integrated with handle 30.